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	Figure Number	er.	NBS Test
Type of Light	Intensity Distribution	Photograph	Report Number
Airport beacon 1000-watt lamp	1 - 4	84	21P-6/61
1200-watt lamp	5 1 N		21P-6/61
Approach light beacon	14a-14b	88	NBS Report 8392
Approach light, elevated	15 - 20	89	21P-3/56,-3/58
Condenser-discharge lights			
CD-2		101	21P-20/56
CD-100F (frangible)	79, 80		21P-7/59
CD~100F (flush)			21P-49/62
PAR-56 replacement for CD-2			
Emergency airfield light (battery operated)	81,82		21P-82/63
Flare pot	83		Ē Ī
Hazard (or code) beacon	9a-9b	85	21P-8/60
Inset lights			
L-842	68	86	21P-64/62
L-843	02 69	66	21P-58/62
Obstruction light	10-13	86, 87	21P-80/62, -90/62
Open-grid flush light	65 - 67	97	21P-17/58
Runway lights			
Circling guidance	36 –38	93	21P-22/58
Edge			
C=1	21 = 24	ೆ06	21P-34/58
M-1	25 ₹ 30	9.1	21P-17/55
Identification	35	92	NBS Report 6862
marker			
🛓 - inch projection w/o spread lens	39 - 42, 45 - 47,		
	51	94	
$\frac{1}{2}$ - inch projection w/ spread lens	43, 44, 48, 52, 53	76	21P-23/60, 115/63
1 - inch projection	54 ~ 63	95	21P-23/60
Taxiway Lights		Č	1 6 7
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Visual approach⇒slope indicator	11, 12	700	217° 11F = 307 03



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1. INTRODUCTION

The Photometry Section of the National Bureau of Standards has made photometric measurements of airport lights since the early days of night flying. The results of these tests have usually been reported in NBS test reports. Many of these reports are no longer readily available although the lights described are still in service. This report has been prepared to present in readily available form intensity distributions of the aviation ground lights currently in use. Photographs of many of these lights have been included to assist in identification.





